



24. (Twice amended) An isolated hSu(fu) polypeptide produced by:

- (i) hybridizing a test DNA molecule under stringent conditions with (a) a DNA molecule encoding the sequence of amino acid residues 1 to 433 of Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:2), or (b) the complement of the DNA molecule of (a), and, if said test DNA molecule has at least about an 80% sequence identity to (a) or (b); followed by
- (ii) culturing a host cell comprising said test DNA molecule under conditions suitable for the expression of said polypeptide; and
- (iii) recovering said polypeptide from the cell culture,

wherein said stringent conditions are hybridization in 0.015 M sodium chloride/0.0015 M sodium citrate/0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate at 50°C, followed by washing in 0.1 x SSC containing EDTA at 55°C and

wherein said hSu(fu) polypeptide binds Gli.